IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Bringsjord et al.

Serial No.: 09/471,689   Group Art Unit: 2121

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC COMPUTATION CREATIVITY AND
        SPECIFICALLY FOR STORY GENERATION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

        In response to the Office Action dated April 15, 2002, please amend the above- identified

application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A computer-implemented method of automatically generating a story,
comprising:

        selecting a theme of said story;

        examining elements of said theme and instantiating said theme; and

        using said theme to select and control other aspects of the story generation, including a

plot of said story which employs knowledge-generated characteristics, relationships, and events.

10. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

        generating a story based on an input from a language generator.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

        identifying various classes of knowledge, a set of computational entities and their